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SECRETARY WINDOM CONFERRING WITH NEW YORK BANKERS.

The Government Will Do All in Its Power to Give Relief—Views of Distinguished Eastern and Western Financiers—A Special Message From the President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Secretary Windom, who arrived in New York this morning, held a three-hours conference with a number of bankers on the financial situation. A full expression of the views of the financiers on the financial situation, the effect of additional silver legislation, and other matters was obtained, and then the conference ended. The statement that the Secretary would make was that he was gratified at news in the movement of gold from Europe to this country, and the Government would do all in its power to give relief to the financial and mercantile communities. He refused absolutely to be interviewed, but parties close to him state that he will not take any immediate action as the result of the conference. He will probably remain in New York over night, but will be in Washington on Monday. The following gentlemen attended the conference: J. O. Stuart, president of the United States Trust Company; President Knox, of the Bank of the Republic; Baker, of the First National Bank; Williams, of the Chemical Bank; Coe, of the American Exchange; Fies, of the Western National; Perkins, of the Importers' and Traders'; Cannon, of the Chase National; Tappan, of the Gallatin; King, of the Bank of Commerce; and J. Pierpont Morgan, Jesse Seligman, and James B. Colgate.

The Tribune will say: "It is understood that Mr. Windom intended that a free coinage of silver bill was likely to be passed at the present session of Congress, unless forestalled by some action. The suggestion of Treasurer Hutton that the fractional silver coin should be transferred to the bullion account, and that the Secretary should be authorized to issue silver certificates for it, was discussed. The treasurer also wished to include the trade dollar bullion which, with the fractional silver would make a fresh issue of about \$25,000,000 currency. Another proposal was that the Treasury should buy each month, in addition to the legal requirement of 4,500,000 ounces of silver, enough more to counteract the retirement of national bank notes. The withdrawals of national bank currency amount to about \$1,250,000 a month, or \$15,000,000 a year, and it was proposed that the Secretary should buy enough silver to make good this contraction. The proposition that was received with most favor was that the Treasury should be authorized to buy at once all the silver in sight of American production. The amount cannot be ascertained. The official report of the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company, made to-day to the Stock Exchange, showed 6,206,879 ounces of silver bullion on hand, and in some quarters it was estimated that at least as much more would be brought out by this legislation. It seemed to be the general opinion at the meeting and it was encouraged by Secretary Windom that even if the amount was above \$13,000,000 this course would be preferable to a free coinage bill.

Secretary Windom and the persons who consulted with him were agreed on one point, that no definite action can be taken as a result of the conference. The Secretary authorized the statement that he had done nothing for the immediate relief of the money market.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT WILL DO. The President and his Cabinet considered the financial condition of the country at a meeting yesterday, and as a result the President, it is understood, will send a message to Congress early next week suggesting, as a measure of relief, the enactment of legislation for the additional currency based on increased purchases of silver.

Secretary Windom, who is in New York City conferring with bankers as to the best method of affording prompt relief, is said to favor the purchasing of the present stock of silver, amounting to about 13,000,000 ounces, and the purchase also of an additional amount equal to the annual retirement of national bank notes, estimated at \$30,000,000, thereby adding about \$30,000,000 to the circulation.

REPUBLICAN SENATORS UNABLE TO AGREE.

All of the members of the Republican Senatorial Caucus Committee to devise a scheme of financial relief were present at the prolonged meetings yesterday. The discussion had the effect to indicate that a majority of the committee would favor the plan of purchasing the thirteen million dollars surplus silver, and also the Sherman proposition to redeem the amount of United States bonds required to be held by national banks. Further than this there was no sign of common ground upon which the diverse camps of represented on the committee could find standing-room.

Mr. Tappan, president of the Gallatin National Bank, said this afternoon that the current talk about gold being hoarded up in savings banks and trust companies beyond their average balances was all nonsense; he did not believe, and he spoke advisedly, that these institutions had any more specie on hand than they had this time last year. He regarded the bank statement issued to-day as favorable, and thought the financial situation was decidedly improved. The only cause for uneasiness now was the failure of commercial houses all over the country. That, no doubt, however, was inevitable to some extent with people who had been trading on more borrowed capital than their business and credit warranted.

A member of the firm of Fred Butterfield & Co. said this morning: "I see it is stated in the financial columns of the newspapers that call loans are made at 24 per cent. I think that statement is misleading. Purely financial firms may be able to get call loans at such rates, but the commercial houses are unable to obtain loans from the banks for less than 10 and 12 per cent."

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—It is the opinion of a number of the leading bankers of Chicago that the financial flurry is evidently over. The situation, they acknowledge, was serious, but much magnified by financiers who acted with imprudence.

John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, said: "Everything seems to have quieted down. The situation is normal. Sterling exchange has returned to current rates. New York Exchange the same. Banks are loaning more liberally. It is simply a question of confidence, because no one has been cramped. Banks are running strong. Collections were never better,

and I can see no reason why business affairs should not at once be as they were before this calamity threatened."

Chauncey J. Blair, president of the Merchants' National Bank, said: "The panic is over. I do not think there is any uneasiness here in Chicago. Generally the banks are in a very strong condition, and are able to take care of their customers. So far as we now can see there will be no further disturbance."

D. B. Dewey, of the American Exchange National Bank, said: "The trouble is over if people will only keep cool and level-headed. Beyond controversy the West is prosperous, and values are on a sound basis. Banks have all the money necessary to protect legitimate industries and bankers are disposed properly to use their resources for this purpose. Chicago has no occasion to appeal to the United States Treasurer for aid nor to resort to clearing-house certificates as an expedient. Other failures will occur in the liquidating process now going on, but the parties embarrassed will be speculators or manufacturers and merchants too extended to be safe at any time and will mean nothing but the logical result of imprudent and unwise conduct of their affairs. All solvent interests will be protected and the final effect will be healthful to general business."

THE NEWARK TRIAL TRIP.

She Was Doing Magnificently When Her Machinery Broke.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—The cruiser Newark, which went out on sea yesterday on her trial trip, passed Newcastle, Del., on her way up to this city at 10:15 o'clock this morning. The cruiser was brought back to the shipyard for repairs. The trial will probably be made some time next week.

The break in machinery, which occurred during the first trial on Wednesday, was repaired, and on Thursday night and on Friday morning the Newark was headed out to sea again. The wind was blowing a gale from the northwest, and the Newark was running north northeast, with the wind two points forward the port beam. The official trial had been in progress for three hours, when the two bolts in the radial gear of the low pressure cylinder of the starboard engine, which had broken on Wednesday, and had been replaced, broke again, and for the second time the trial came to a close. The disappointment on board at this second accident was keen, as the cruiser was doing magnificently and bid fair to surpass expectations.

Owing to the accident no official returns of the trip will be made to the Navy Department, but from a Navy officer who was aboard, and who carefully watched the workings of the vessel, it was learned that during the three hours of the trial she logged an average speed of 19.7 knots, or about twenty-three miles an hour. Although the indicator cards were not worked out, it is thought that about 9,500 horse power, one hundred more than the specifications called for, was developed. If this proves true the Newark builders will make a handsome bonus, a premium of \$100 for every horse power called for being guaranteed. Up to the time of the break in the machinery the average revolutions had about been one hundred and twenty-eight and the steam pressure about one hundred and sixty. The same officer said that, although the sea tossed up by the cruiser's bow was carried in spray over the vessel by the wind, not a single sea was shipped. He also said that she was one of the steadiest ships he had ever been on. Despite the heavy sea that was running and the vibrations of the machinery her guns could have been fought as easily as if she had been on land. After the accident took place the Newark was headed about, and with one engine working, returned to the Delaware Bay and anchored over night. The naval trial board of officers all expressed the greatest enthusiasm over the showing made by the Newark, and predict that she will prove one of the highest powered cruisers of her class in the world. Another trial will be made as soon as the vessel is cooled and provisioned.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

Four Persons Killed and Two Others Badly Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 13.—A special despatch to the Times from Bristol, Pa., says: "A shocking accident occurred at the Mill-street railroad crossing this afternoon by which four persons were killed, one fatally wounded, and one seriously hurt. The accident was caused by the safety gates at the crossing being raised just before the New York West-bound express was due."

A number of persons had been waiting for a freight train to pass, and as soon as the gates were raised started to cross. The express train, which was running at full speed, struck a wagon containing five persons killing three of the occupants. Joseph Johnson, who was crossing the track on foot, was also struck by the engine and instantly killed. Two other persons were badly injured. The gatekeeper claims that the clatter of the freight train passing drove the noise of the bell so that it could not be heard. He will probably be arrested.

Toasts at the Reform Club Dinner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—At the Reform Club dinner to be given at Madison Square Garden on the evening of December 23, in celebration of the result of the late election, the following have signified their intentions of responding to the toasts assigned them: Grover Cleveland, of New York; "The Campaign of Education"; John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky; "Popular Government"; Horace Boies, of Iowa; "Our New Allies in the Northwest"; William E. Russell, of Massachusetts; "The Play of New England in the Pending Contest"; William U. Hensel, of Pennsylvania; "An Awakened Country"; William L. Wilson, of West Virginia; "The Fifty-second Congress"; Roger Q. Mills, of Texas; "Reciprocity"; Thomas Wilson, of Minnesota; "Issues and Changes that Parties Must Chase with Them"; and Tom L. K. Johnson, of Ohio; "McKinley's Discovery."

Disaster to a Schooner.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, MASS., Dec. 13.—Schooner Chattanooga, Capt. Morgan, of Bucksport, Me., from New York for Bucksport, with coal, went ashore at Orleans at 11:30 last night. The crew were saved by means of the Breeches buoy. The vessel and cargo are a total loss.

Apportionment Bill Next Tuesday.

Representative Dannel, of Minnesota, gave notice in the House yesterday that on Tuesday next he will ask the House to consider the Apportionment bill.

A Rich Vein of Salt.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 13.—The Royal Salt Company struck salt in their shaft last night at a depth of 640 feet. The vein is 240 feet thick.

News Notes.

The Senate will meet at 10 o'clock A. M. until further order. Joel S. Motley has been appointed internal revenue storekeeper and gauger at Chatham, Va.

Senator Frye introduced a bill to establish a marine board for the advancement of the interest of the merchant marine.

A bill fixing compensation of assistant attorneys in the Department of Justice defending suits against the United States in the Court of Claims was introduced in the Senate.

The resolution to extend the bonding period in the McKinley Tariff bill was discussed by the Ways and Means Committee yesterday. A bill to correct the error in the binding-twine clause was reported to the House.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries formally agreed to report the Chesapeake bill prepared by the majority members of the Committee as a substitute for the Senate Tonnage and Subsidy bills.

The Senate adopted a resolution, offered by Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the sums of money (with interest to date) advanced by the States of Virginia and Maryland to the United States to be applied toward erecting public buildings at the seat of Government on the banks of the Potomac.

—Brilliant beauties, pretty premiers, and clever comedians at Kernan's.

BATTLES WITH INDIANS.

SEVEN RED SKINS KILLED IN A FIGHT WITH SETTLERS.

Two Cowboys Slain—Governor Mellette Says it is Time for the Army to "Get a Move on Itself, and Do Something to Protect Settlers."

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 13.—Governor Mellette has been in receipt of numerous telegrams to-day at Buffalo Gap, Hermosa, and other points in the hills, telling of a battle yesterday on French Creek between the Indians and the settlers, in which three of the former were killed, and appealing for more rifles and ammunition to arm the settlers. The Governor thinks the fight will probably result in bringing matters to a focus, and cause the Army to get a move on itself and do something to protect settlers and maintain the authority of the Government.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 12.—A news courier from French Rock, Dak., says that the most authentic reports from Capt. Wells are that a large party of Indians attacked eighteen men, four miles below the creek, this afternoon. Several of the men were wounded, and it is thought that four Indians were killed. It is expected that an engagement will take place in the morning with the hostiles near Butte Creek.

OMAHA, NEB., Dec. 13.—A Bee special from the camp on Spring Creek by courier to Rapid City, S. D., says that an encounter took place yesterday between a band of cowboys and a number of Indians at Daly's ranch, about the mouth of Battle Creek, west of the Cheyenne River. The cowboys killed three Indians. One of the cowboys was seriously wounded.

TOMBSTONE, ARIZ., Dec. 13.—Information was received here to-day that two white men, Jack Bridges and Burk Robinson, were killed by Apaches in the Guadalupe mountains yesterday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Gen. Miles says he does not place any credence in the report that there has been a battle between the troops and the Indians in the Northwest. He had a telegram from Gen. Brooke yesterday, to the effect that a rumor that the Indians were fighting themselves had reached the agency. No further report had been received from him, and there was no reason to believe that there had been a conflict with the soldiers.

A despatch received from Omaha, Neb., says that no battle has occurred between the United States troops and Indians near Pine Ridge agency as reported.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—Journal's (Rushville, Neb.) special says that the fight yesterday was between two bands of Indians growing out of a dispute as to whether they should go to Pine Ridge Agency and give up their arms. Several are reported killed. The despatch says nothing about a fight between the whites and the Indians.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Dec. 13.—Reports of the fight between the Indians in the Bad Lands are confirmed. Two Strike and his party were victorious, and left the Bad Lands for Pine Ridge Agency, camping on White Earth River. The chief sent in to Gen. Brooke, asking for help to capture Short Bull and his warriors. The General called in American Horse, Big Road, and other chiefs, and set them at work recruiting fighters. About three hundred warriors are now on the way to bring in all who remain in the Bad Lands. Many fear it will end simply in the flight of Short Bull, who will return to his stronghold as soon as this band returns.

HAD TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

Serious Conflagration—Narrow Escape of Women Employees.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 13.—The large clothing establishment of J. B. Barnaby Co., in the Dorrance Building, was ruined by fire and the large building was almost demolished this afternoon.

Barnaby Company employed 100 persons in the building—some of them women in the cloak department on the second floor and the cutting-rooms on the fourth floor. A fire escape had been put on the Middle-street side of the building a week ago, and but for this device many lives would have been sacrificed. The women were taken out speedily and without confusion. Some of the women were brought out by firemen fainting. Two firemen were dangerously injured by falling walls. Loss, nearly half a million dollars.

The Pennsylvania Reserve.

The members of the Pennsylvania Reserve Division, residing in this city, celebrated last evening the anniversary of their famous charge under Gen. Meade at Fredericksburg, when Burnside attempted to carry the heights by storm. The reunion took place at the residence of Col. J. H. Stine, No. 323 C street southeast.

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SUICIDE OF AN AGED LABORER.

The Slight Which Startled Early Pedestrians Near Georgetown College.

Early pedestrians in the vicinity of Georgetown College were startled yesterday morning by the sight of a man hanging from a post in the yard of house 3631 O street, which leads directly to the gate of the University grounds. An alarm was at once given, and in a short time the vicinity was thronged with excited people.

The body was that of James Lynch, a laboring man of nearly seventy years of age, and it is thought that in the delirium of strong drink he committed self-murder. Sergt. Trunnell, of the Seventh Precinct, arrived soon after the body was discovered, and cutting it down removed it to Lynch's home. The officer found that Lynch was regarded by his neighbors as of unsound mind, and since the death of his wife has been living in extreme poverty at his home. He was employed as a laborer in Oak Hill Cemetery, and at one time was a perfect Hercules in strength, but whisky and old age had reduced him to a mere shadow of his old self. The coroner viewed the body and thought an inquest unnecessary. It is believed that Lynch hung himself late Friday night. When discovered the body was cold and stiff.

A TORPEDO IN THE STREET.

Much Excitement Ensues When it is Struck by a Herdic Wheel.

Much excitement was caused last night about 7 o'clock, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street, by the loud report of some explosive. The streets were crowded at the time, and the noise caused a stampede among both pedestrians and horses. The cause of the noise was the discharge of one of the large torpedoes used by railroad companies for blasting, which some one had thrown on the street. Herdic coach No. 10 struck it and the passengers in the coach were considerably shaken up by the upheaval. A young man named Jerry Robinson was struck in the face by a piece of the cap and received a slight cut. Officer Eaton made an investigation and found the remnants of the cap. The report drew an immense crowd to the locality, and the rumor was current that a murder had been committed.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

President Harrison's Proclamation to be Issued Shortly.

Attorney General Miller yesterday returned to the President all the papers in regard to the Columbian World's Fair with a statement that they met all the legal requirements necessary for the President's proclamation. The President will now investigate the financial sufficiency of the subscriptions, and in case he finds it satisfactory will make public announcement of the exposition.

Prohibition in this District.

The House Committee on the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic yesterday agreed to report favorably to the House a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia, except for medicinal, mechanical, and scientific purposes. The act is to take effect November 1, 1891. There was but one vote against the bill recorded, although three or four of the members of the committee were absent.

"Original Package" Davis Convicted.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 13.—The original package case against ex-Postmaster Davis, of Somerset, which has furnished the text for a deal of pulpitory oratory was tried in the district court here yesterday. The evidence went to show that Davis sold his beer and liquors bottled and corked, claiming all to be original packages, but the court found him guilty of maintaining a liquor nuisance.

Bold Highway Robbery in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Two robbers wearing diamonds and silk hats invaded an Ogden avenue street-car and boldly "held up" Elijah West, who lives at 955 West Harrison street. The car was passing along Ogden avenue and Adams street when the men entered. They succeeded in getting a gold watch and some money. The car was crowded at the time. Mr. West is seventy years of age.

A Precursor of Cholera.

PANAMA, Dec. 13.—Word is received from Nicaragua that a new disease has appeared there and has caused several deaths. The victims are seized with severe pains in the stomach, which incapacitates them. The pain is followed by dysentery, and if prompt measures are not taken the sufferer dies within four hours. Dr. Espenosa, of that place, considers the disease a precursor of cholera.

A "Crooked" Alliance Man.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 13.—A special to the Star from Hiawatha says: "Robert Sweeney, of Reserve, an Alliance man, who sold grain for the farmers to keep local grain men from robbing them, is short in his accounts over \$1,000. Some of the farmers warned him to give bond for \$5,000 at the start, but when he could not do so they let the matter drop."

Think They Have Caught Tascott.

PORT HURON, MICH., Dec. 13.—The police here arrested a young man who gave the name of John Bradley. The officers think they have caught Tascott, the murderer of millionaire banker Snell, of Chicago. He agrees with the description, including a scar on the hip and elbow. The Chicago officials have been notified.

The Idaho Senatorship.

BOISE CITY, IDAHO, Dec. 13.—An ineffectual effort was made yesterday in both Houses of the Legislature to take a ballot for United States Senator. No ballot will now be taken until Tuesday. The northern members are still firm in their demand that one of the United States Senators be elected from the north.

Irish Envoys Returning to Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Two of the Irish envoys, Mr. William O'Brien and Mr. T. P. Gill, sailed on the Netherlands steamer 'Obdam' for Rotterdam. The steamer will touch at Boulogne Sunday morning, where they will be landed. Mr. Timothy Harrington sailed on the Cunard steamer Aurania, for Queenstown direct.

—The Henry Burlesque Company at Kernan's is the biggest and brightest on record.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLINCHED.

THE COLUMBIAS EASILY DEFEAT THE KENDALL GREENS.

An Exciting Game With Which Spectators Who Didn't Seem to Know Anything About Football Interfered—The Base-Ball Organization.

The deciding game for the District foot-ball championship was played yesterday at Capitol Park between the Columbia Athletics and the team from Kendall Institute. The Columbias won on their merits, and their claim for the championship now remains secure for the year. The game was practically a walk-over for them, as their opponents were too light to stand up against the rushes of Messrs. Ranier, Veasey, Wells, Wade, and Harban. Still the Kendalls played a stubborn game, tackling well and in the scrimmages making a pretty fair showing. The work of Little Ryan, their half-back, was the feature of the game. Once, when near the centre of the field, he managed to get through the line, and dodging the halves and quarter-back, made a splendid run, and, eluding Butterworth, too, scored a touch-down. Butterworth, as usual, did brilliant work. There was quite a crowd present. Right here it might be well to state that outsiders who do not understand the game ought to behave themselves. At one point of the game yesterday the crowd became very abusive. At 3:30 the two teams lined up for preliminaries, the umpire, Mr. Charles H. Boynton, and the referee, Mr. Luther Harrison, calling them up. The two teams were as follows:

Columbias.	Positions.	Kendalls.
Taylor.....	Right end.....	Rounds
Wells.....	Right tackle.....	Hubbard
Lewis.....	Right guard.....	Dought
Wade.....	Centre.....	Brown
Ranier.....	Left guard.....	Cusack
Byrnes.....	Left tackle.....	Taylor
Lee.....	Left end.....	River
Burroughs.....	Quarter-back.....	Beddell
Veasey.....	Half-back.....	Stewart
Harban.....	Half-back.....	Ryan
Butterworth.....	Full-back.....	Odum

On the line up the Columbias had the ball, and, forming the V, made several yards, which, by good rushing of Veasey and Burroughs, they increased to within ten yards of the goal line. The Kendalls secured the ball on the third down, but could not make much headway. On the kick out of Odum down to deep centre-field Butterworth made a good catch, and, running well, secured a touch-down. He then failed to kick goal, and in the first seven minutes the score was 4 to 0, in favor of the C. A. C. On the line up the Kendalls had the ball, but they could make no game. Odum made another attempt to kick, but the Columbias secured the ball and gradually worked it down field. When near the line Butterworth kicked, but Odum quickly returned it to the field. Right here the Columbias made a series of clever rushes and soon worked the sphere over the line for another touch-down and Butterworth kicked goal. Score, 10 to 0. On line up the Kendalls lost the ball on a fumble of Ryan and the rushes of the C. A. C. Ranier, Lewis, and Wells got in some clever work, assisted by runs of Veasey, and Harban and Burroughs's skillful passing, and worked the ball down to the line, and Butterworth was rushed over for another touch-down. The ball was punted out, Veasey made a good catch, and then Butterworth kicked goal. Score, 16 to 0, in twenty-two minutes. On the line up the Kendalls forced the ball for the first time over the centre of the field, and by some clever work of Beddell and Ryan and Taylor, gained twenty-five yards. The Kendalls kept gaining and then Odum gave the ball a kick to within ten yards of the line. Butterworth made return, the Kendalls again made return, and the ball was in the advantage of the Kendalls when the first half of the game was called. Score, 16 to 0.

On the second half the crowd interfered with the playing considerably, and it was with difficulty that the game could be followed. The Kendalls worked up for twenty yards, but lost the ball on a foul. Butterworth made good gains, as also did Ranier and Byrne. In a scramble the Kendalls secured the ball and Ryan made two beautiful runs. The Columbias again got the ball and carried it over the line for a touch-down. Butterworth again kicked goal. Score, 22 to 0. On line-up there were several scrimmages, and then Ryan secured the ball, and making the run spoken of above, secured a touch-down. Score, 22 to 4. This was all the counting the Kendalls could do in the rest of the game, while by a series of excellent plays, in which nearly every Columbia man took part, the latter increased their score to 40. There was some excitement during the last half caused by outsiders interfering, as shown above. The Kendalls did not enter any protest against the C. A. C. style of playing, and if they didn't object, it stands to reason that nothing was wrong.

Failure of Druid Mills Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The goods of the Druid Mills Manufacturing Company, cotton duck, at Baltimore and Woodbury, Md., were sold in this city by Brinkerhoff, Turner & Co., 109 Duane street. Mr. Turner says business has been dull for several years past, which was probably the reason for the failure. The liabilities, exclusive of mortgages will not exceed \$100,000, due principally to Baltimore banks.

Double Murder and Robbery.

NEW CASTLE, IND., Dec. 13.—One of the most horrible crimes this section ever knew occurred near here last night. An unknown robber attacked Asa Wallace and wife, an aged couple, and beat them fatally and, then taking \$1,000, escaped.

Three Killed and Two Wounded.

BIG RAPIDS, MICH., Dec. 13.—The boiler of a small saw mill at Tibbett's siding, between Woodville and White Cloud, exploded to-day. The engineer and two others were instantly killed and two more were probably fatally injured.

Minister Washburn at His Post.

BERNE, Dec. 13.—Mr. John D. Washburn, the newly-appointed American Minister to Switzerland, visited President Ruchonnet to-day and presented his credentials.

The Weather.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, fair and warmer Sunday and Monday; southwesterly winds. Thermometer readings yesterday: 8 A. M., 24; 3 P. M., 29. Mean temperature, 26. Maximum temperature, 34. Minimum temperature, 21. Mean relative humidity, 56.